AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 18, as follows:

FIG. 1 illustrates a plan view of a sealed casing 10 made of a flexible, air impermeable sheet material such as a polymer coated textile or polymer film and defining an interior volume 11. The casing 10 may be formed of two adjoining sheets 10a and 10b, for example, as shown in FIG. 1a, and is divided into opposing elongated flaps or longitudinal portions 24, 24', opposing lateral flaps or central lateral portions 26, 26' and a central portion 28 positioned between the longitudinal portions 24, 24' and lateral portions 26, 26'. At least one recess 29 may be defined between the longitudinal portions 24, 24' and the adjoining central portion 28. A valve 16 is positioned along one of the longitudinal portions 24, 24' and arranged to communicate with the interior of the casing. Any device or arrangement suitable for providing sealable access to the interior of the casing could be used in place of the valve 16.